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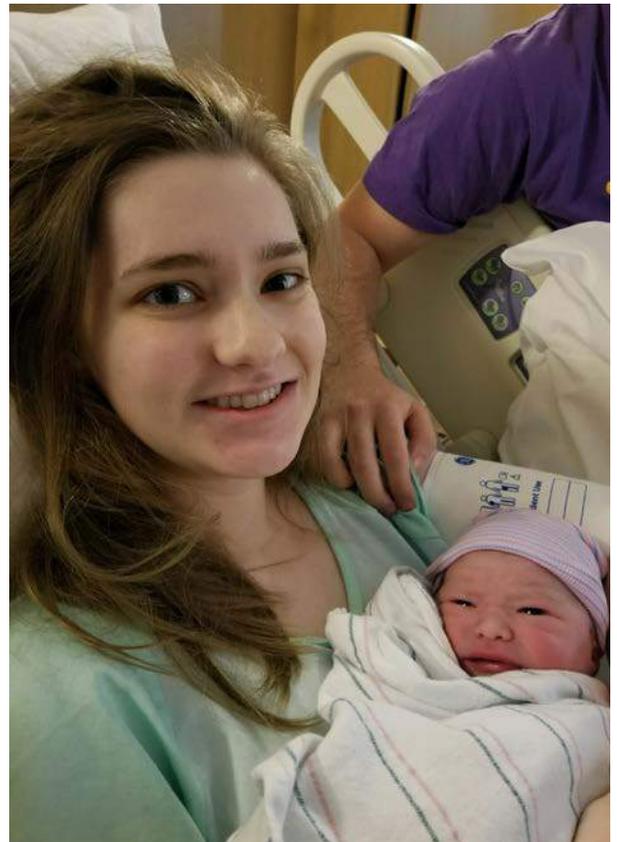
NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission is to increase the public's awareness of aviation through the flight of historical aircraft, while supporting our local children's hospital.

The Newest Museum of Flight Member

Please meet Charlie Lane, born at 14:10 on Tuesday, September 26th, she is hands down the cutest museum of flight member. The skies will not be safe ever again, especially because little Charlie has flying in her blood as her grandfather is Rob Henninger, our chief pilot. Henninger wanted to take all possible precautions and grounded all aircraft until a safety stand down could be completed for the newborn. Congratulations to the family for having such a precious little girl!



One Museum's Loss is Another's Gain



The now defunct Commercial Aviation Museum in Atlanta has offered us several parts from aircraft that we will be able to put to good use. Even though it is heartbreaking to say goodbye to part of our community, it is essential that all parts from their operation be put to good use. So, we can continue their legacy and educate the public about the history of aviation. Currently, we have obtained cargo netting for the C-45, as seen below.



A Special Discount!



Mention the Museum of Flight at the O'Reilly Auto Parts located at; 3235 Martha Berry Highway, in Rome, to get a special discount. Most items are 5% off, but the discount will vary.

Happenings at the Museum



Tony Sommer, the maintenance director at the museum made and dedicated a purple heart to one of Christine's ladies. Thank you Mr. Sommer!

Christine Lewis and Peter O'Hare did an amazing job representing the museum on a segment for "Southern Lifestyles," which is going to feature the museum and all of the work that we do for the community. These opportunities are so crucial, because they broadcast our message to so many people who would have otherwise been unaware.



Darrell Baxter donates some much needed sweat equity into the box truck. He saddled our faithful steed with a new trailer hitch.



"The Houston Chronicle" featured the Museum of Flight because of how hard all the members and volunteers worked to help the Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey. It also mentions the \$3600 debt the museum accrued in gas bills alone. Please [donate](#) to help cover the cost, and check out the [article!](#)

Do you have a story or a picture you want to share?
Contact Savannah O'Hare
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Lafayette Fly-in

September 23rd was filled with bright sunshine, blue skies and an abundance of aircraft. Museum members and volunteers could be found at the Lafayette GA Airport Fly-in, our 128th mission so far this year! All three of our beautiful "Ladies" flew in for the event! Thank you Tony Sommer, Gil and Sandy Espy, Johnny Shook, James and Jennifer Greene, Jay DeVille, Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare, Wain Bates, Darrell Baxter, Larry "Oscar" Jarrett, Jason Beaver, and Matt DeVille, for all your hard work making this a very successful mission.



Hands-On Programs for Grades K-7

At Your School Campus!

Bring the excitement of aviation or space to your school campus for an after-school adventure in flight! Aerospace educators from the Museum of Flight visit your school one afternoon per week to explore the science of flight with hands-on activities and aircraft artifacts. Programs may vary in length from 5 to 10 weeks. Activities may include:

- Model airplanes and helicopters
- Biplanes and aerobatic gliders
- The Wright Brothers and Wright Flyer models
- Flight planning and navigation
- Air Traffic Control computer simulations
- Air resistance and parachutes
- Water rockets
- And much, much more!



Programs may be held in on-campus classrooms, multipurpose rooms, or lunch areas. Registrations may be processed by the Museum of Flight, school, or third party (such as a Parents Association).



Program fees start at \$13.50/child per week for an eight-week program. Pricing for shorter programs, or programs at schools where a facility use fee applies, will vary. Contact the Museum of Flight 423.228.2FLY or development@MOFTS.org, for more information about bringing an After-School Aviators program to your school this year!

Hands-On Programs for Grades 3-7

At The Museum! Russell Regional Airport, Rome GA (RMG)

Live the excitement of aviation at the Museum of Flight for an after-school adventure. Daily from 3:00PM to 6:00 PM Tuesday – Friday, aerospace educators from the Museum of Flight will be available to explore the science of flight with hands-on activities and aircraft artifacts. Programs may vary in length from 5 to 10 weeks. Activities may include:

- Actual airplanes, helicopters, gliders
- Touch Aviation History
- Flight planning and navigation
- Airport Operations
- Flight Operations
- Principles of Flight
- Air resistance and parachutes
- And much, much more!



Programs will be held in the Airport “Community Room” and the Museum of Flight Hangar. Registrations may be processed by the Museum of Flight, school, or third party (such as a Parents Association).



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We welcome a new Member to the Team

Please welcome Cecilia Ratke to the team! Cecilia will be the museum’s new curator manager. She is a student at Berry College and majors in art history. She hopes to help the Museum of Flight by using an art history perspective to help document and display the museum’s collection as effectively as possible. Cecilia will help to capture the essences of the aircraft that the museum homes, a difficult job, but one that she is well equipped to do. This will especially help our online presence so that even those that will never be able to see our collection in person will still be able to access photos and information that properly summarize our diverse catalog.

To properly welcome Cecilia, we need to learn more about her. Surprisingly, Cecilia wasn’t born in Georgia; she wasn’t even born in the United States. She was born in Germany. She and her family moved back to the states when she was two, she attended elementary and high school in North Carolina. She always had a love for art, but it wasn’t until she was almost halfway through college before she realized that she wanted to pursue a degree in it. She loves art because it reflects the culture that people live in and so much can be discovered about a society through studying their art.

Cecilia doesn’t just enjoy studying art she also enjoys creating art. She likes all sorts of mediums everything from drawing and painting, to sculpture. She also has an interest in astronomy and physics. So, when asked if she could travel back to time to witness one past event, she said that although unrelated to art, she would love to witness the moon landing in 1969.

Cecilia is wasting no time getting down to business. The first item on her agenda will be to categorize and document the individual pieces in the collection with descriptions. She would love to have volunteers helping her with this project, so if you’re interested, contact her through email (cecilia.ratke@vikings.berry.edu) or text message ([828-261-6408](tel:828-261-6408)). So be sure to reach out to her with any relevant information, or just to welcome her to the museum. It really is exciting to watch our team grow; it’s incredible to think about how far that we have come since the Museum of Flight was founded, and how far we will continue to grow and expand.



Crossville Memorial Fly-in

The Crossville Memorial Airport Fly-In held on Saturday, September 30th was another great opportunity this September to practice and hone our aviation skills. The public engagement was wonderful. People were really interested in our aircraft and how they can become involved with the museum. A big thank you to everyone that came out, either by plane or by car. This fly-in was one of the best ones yet!

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Food & Refreshments available • Bring Lawn Chairs & Umbrellas • Kids' Inflatables

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For more information, call (931)484-5016 or visit www.crossvillega.gov.
*Please note that weather and other conditions may cause the aircraft lineup to change.

ALSO ON DISPLAY: A Hot Air Balloon, Other War Birds, Experimental/Light Sport Aircraft, Gyro Planes, Corporate Aircraft, GA Aircraft, Corvette Car Club, Antique Cars, Radio Control Clubs



Museum Spotlight: Gil Espy



Gil "Shooter" Espy, if you are new to the museum he will be one of the first to welcome you with open arms. Gil's primary responsibility as the shooter is to marshal the aircraft, he makes sure that the aircraft are clear, and that they can be safely navigated to the runway. Espy was in the Air Force for four years where he acted as the aircraft marshal, but that wasn't where he learned to love aviation. Espy says that his passion started before the age of ten. The same passion that Gil brings to the museum every single week, making him one of the most dedicated people in our midst.

Espy is a Rome native, but he did not actually discover the Museum of Flight until last year on Memorial Day. During the Memorial Day Airshow he stumbled upon one of the T-28s that was static in the fairgrounds. The T-28 was one of the last aircraft Espy worked on when he was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He helped to train foreign pilots in the T-28s, so when he saw the T-28 at the show he knew that he needed to come join our cause of furthering aviation history. However, Gil is not the only Espy that volunteers with the museum, his wife, Sandy, is also heavily involved, especially with airshows, and Gil says that his two granddaughters loving coming to the museum to watch him marshal the planes.

This is why Espy loves volunteering, he says that it brings people together. It is less about the planes and more about the connections people share because of aviation. Espy is also the perfect blend of knowledge and compassion, he can make any story interesting no matter how trivial, and make any visitor feel valued and personally involved with the aircraft and the museum. You can find Espy out at the museum most Wednesdays, but he will also come out to marshal if there is an airshow or a fly-in. He says he especially welcomes people to come out when he is working, because he loves hearing people's stories and how they relate to the aircraft or its history. Espy is one of the people that keep this operation running so seamlessly. He's relentlessly dedicated, but he wants none of the recognition for all of the hours he puts in. So, next time you're at the hangar thank this man, and give him a little of the recognition that he is so deserving of.



Note Shooter in left of photo, doing what he does best.



2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
March 11 th	Open House	Rome Airport	Complete
March 24-26 th	Airshow	Brunswick	Complete
March 31-April 1 st	Airshow	DeFuniak Springs	Complete
April 8-9 th	Airshow	Columbus	Complete
April 15 th	Open Hangar Gala	Rome Airport	Complete
May 27 th	Flyby	Chattanooga FC	Complete
June 3 rd	Fly-in	Madison County Open House	Complete
June 10 th	Airshow	PDK Good Neighbor	Complete
June 17 th	Fly-in	Calhoun	Complete
July 1 st	Fly-in	Floyd County Wildlife Club	Complete
July 3 rd	Flyby	Pops on the River	Complete
July 4 th	Flyby	Chattanooga FC	Complete
July 10 th	Stemco Corporate Event	Museum hangar	Complete
September 23 rd	Airshow	Lafayette, GA	Complete
September 30 th	Airshow	Crossville, TN	Complete
October 20-22 nd	Airshow	Rome Airport	



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